

A Higher Note



Representing K-State

Austin Enns | COLLEGIAN

K-State's wind ensemble was selected to play for a prestigious conference for the first time in K-State's history.

The wind ensemble will be traveling to Las Cruces, N.M., to play at the College Band Directors National Association Southwest Region at New Mexico State's campus, said Frank Tracz, director of bands at K-State.

"I was surprised because I've been applying for 10 years; got a file full of rejection letters," Tracz said. "I'm pumped about the opportunity."

K-State's wind ensemble sent a CD containing its music to judges at CBDNA and the judges picked the applicants they wanted to play at their conference.

Wind ensembles from K-State, Arkansas State, Colorado, Texas Tech, New Mexico State and the University of Texas at El Paso were picked out of a field of 32 applicants to each play a concert at the Southwest Region of the CBDNA.

The band will leave Thursday and stop for a concert in Liberal, Kan.

After arriving in New Mexico the band will have a couple of rehearsals in preparation for their concert scheduled for 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Hannah Nunnenkamp, senior in music education, said she is glad the wind ensemble has the opportunity to play at the CBDNA and that this opportunity is a credit to the band instructors.

"At first I was pretty excited because we were getting to travel and see different parts of the USA," Nunnenkamp said. "After hearing how prestigious this competition is, I thought it was truly a complement to us and the faculty."

This will be one of the most critical audiences a band could play for since the directors will all be appraising the performance by their standards on how a band should perform, which is part of the appeal of the conference, Tracz said.

Adam Lundine, senior in music education, said the band first heard about making it to this conference when Tracz sent an e-mail over the server that was mostly comprised of exclamation points. He also said people outside of the band do not understand how prestigious this opportunity is for the band.

"I had known about it, not a lot, but about what it was so I was excited for it," Lundine said. "I see how great a program K-State has, but not a lot of other people do. Kansas has a lot of small towns, so this is really a tes-



Top: K-State's wind ensemble practices in McCain auditorium Friday afternoon. The wind ensemble will travel to Las Cruces, N. M., to perform in the Southwest Regionals. **Above:** Frank Tracz conducts K-State students.

tament to our incredible faculty."

The wind ensemble will be playing four pieces: "Asclepius" by Michael Daugherty, "Kingfishers Catch Fire" by John Mackey, "Oboe Concerto" by Jennifer Higdon and "Symphony for Band" by James A. Beckel.

POLICE REPORTS

Rapes reported over the weekend

Pauline Kennedy | COLLEGIAN

Two rapes occurred over the weekend, said Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. of the Riley County Police Department.

Both victims were women in their early 20s.

The first rape reported occurred sometime between 11:30 Saturday night and 3 a.m. Sunday morning, said Crosby. The victim may have been intoxicated and does not remember all the events of the night. Crosby said it is unknown whether something was put in her drink.

Another rape was reported sometime between midnight and 3 a.m. on Sunday, said Crosby. The suspect is known to the victim.

Both cases are still under investigation.

SEVERAL BURGLARIES REPORTED

A burglary to a storage shed resulted in a loss of at least \$3,000 worth of items, Crosby said.

The burglary, which took place sometime between Nov. 26 and April 3, was to a storage shed belonging to James Spurlock, 46.

The shed was located at 5261 Tuttlecreek Blvd. The lock on the shed was cut open and several items in the shed were moved around or taken. Crosby said an exact amount of damage cannot be determined until inventory is done on the shed.

Another burglary reported over the weekend was to an apartment in Ogden while the resident was out of town.

Amanda Wagner, 23, reported her apartment had been burglarized sometime between 2 p.m. on March 30 and 1 p.m. on April 2. Taken from the apartment were 50-70 DVDs and CDs, a 37 inch flat screen television, a 32-inch flat screen television, two DVD players, a digital camera and a cell phone. The items were valued at \$6,194.25.

There was no sign of forced entry.

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Health Department to sponsor four-day Health Fair for locals

Lauren Garrison | COLLEGIAN

The Riley County-Manhattan Health Department will be hosting its annual Health Fair starting today and ending this Friday. The Health Fair is from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. each day.

Julie Gibbs, health educator, said the Health Department will be offering various inexpensive screenings for citizens of Riley County each day. She said some services, like blood pressure and body mass index, will be offered for free, but the highest priced service they have is \$21.

"We're offering breakfast to anyone who comes in," Gibbs said. "And we will also have goodie-bags for community resources."

The Health Department is located at 2030 Tecumseh and all Riley County citizens are encouraged to partake in their services.

Gibbs said if anyone is planning on participating in any services that require blood to be taken, they need to fast for at least 12 hours beforehand.

SERVICES	PRICES
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C-reactive Protein (cardiovascular information)	\$21
TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone) (checks thyroid function)	\$16
Flu Shots (H1N1 and seasonal flu shots)	\$14
CBC (Complete blood count) (hemoglobin and white cell count)	\$10
FOBT Kit (Fecal Occult Blood Test) (take-home kit, checks for colorectal cancer)	\$5
Blood Pressure Check	Free
Body Mass Index	Free

CITY COMMISSION

City Commission to discuss Sunset Zoo Education Center

Vestoria Simmons | COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan City Commission will hold its regular meeting tomorrow night at 7 p.m. Commissioners are expected to approve items that have been previously reviewed, hear recommendations from the economic development model task force, discuss a bid rejection for a zoo education center and authorize public bidding of 3rd street and Pierre Street intersection.

The task force is hoping to direct City Administration to include the crucial changes into the City's economic development process, model and application materials.

City Commission has previously approved a contract with WDM Design for design, construction drawings, bidding and construction for a zoo education center. The initial cost for the design has increased and commissioners will listen to more information about the Center from Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation, in order to decide if the city will continue to support the design.

The commission will hear plans for improvements for the 3rd Street and Pierre Street intersection, which includes modified plans for bicycles, new pavements, new sidewalks, new curb and gutter and the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection.

Commissioners will decide at the meeting whether or not the city will authorize these changes.

The meeting will take place at City Hall located at 1101 Pontyz Ave.

All citizens are encouraged to attend or watch the live meeting on cable channel 3.

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20 Beginning

21 Exist

22 Comedian

23 Margaret

26 Pretend

26 Pitcher’s warm-up area

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32 Historic time

33 Mark Twain, famously

36 Daz-zlingly bright

38 Whatever number

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47 Slogans

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9 chemical

10 Seance sounds

10 Garfield’s pal

11 Actor Brad

17 Germany reunifier

19 Vase’s cousin

22 Poolroom stick

23 Dandy

24 Ram’s mate

25 Hostel

26 “See ya”

27 Shell game need

28 Mess up

29 Opposite of 31-

31 Across

31 Actress Adams

34 Caught in the act

35 Opposi-tionist

36 Wrigley product

37 Elbow room

39 Waste maker

40 Teensy bit

41 Carry on

42 Taj Mahal city

43 Approach

44 Mexican entree

45 State with conviction

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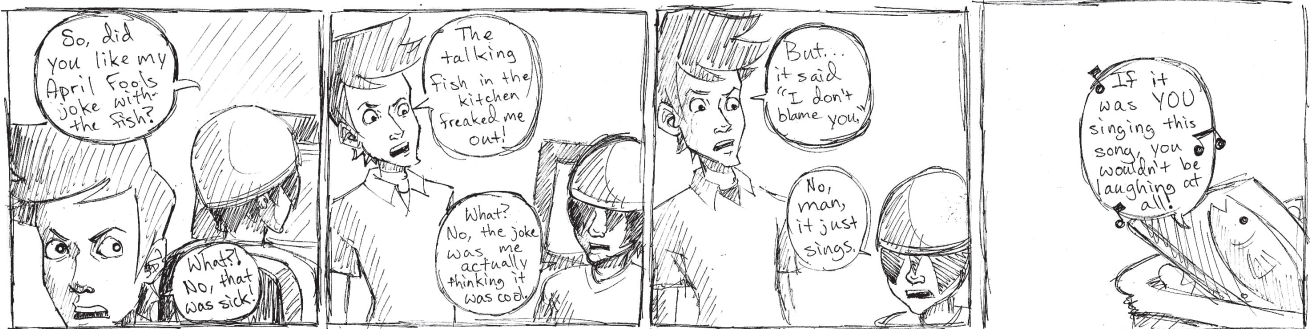
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Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: IF SOME FISH WERE MOLDED TO LOOK LIKE THIN PANCAKES, I GUESS ONE MIGHT END UP WITH CREPE COD.

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: G equals I

Logan’s Run | By Erin Logan



DAILY BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

SATURDAY

Jason Edward Dougherty, 1834 Cedar Crest Drive, was arrested twice for probation violation. Bond was set at \$4,808.41.

Tyler Robert Olson, homeless, was arrested at 12 p.m. for obstruction of the legal process and disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Gordon Joseph Brundige, 920 Vattier St., was arrested at 12:40 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$500.

Benjamin James Rodgers, 1712 Browning Ave., was arrested at 5:11 p.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Nicholas Setriman Burrowes, 907 Vattier St., was arrested at 6:30 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$750.

Robert Allen Houston Sr., 920 Fremont St., was arrested at 8:52 p.m. for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Gary Tyler Combs, Fort Riley, was arrested at 9 p.m. for theft and obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Donald Lee Bazan, Ogden, was arrested at 9:22 p.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.



To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian Web site, www.kstatecollegian.com.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Bethaney Wallace at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

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K-State Women’s Center, along with SGA, W.A.R. and Campaign for Nonviolence is sponsoring Manhattan’s sixth annual Empty Bowls Project. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to local hunger fighting kitchens. Celebrity Bowls Auction will be held Friday from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Strecker-Nelson Gallery. For more information call 785-532-6444 or go to k-state.edu/womenscenter.

Lafene is offering Ask the Dietitian tomorrow 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lafene’s registered dietitian will be at the Union Food Court to answer your nutrition questions. Get the 411 on metabolism and weight control.

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of John Benjamin Patton titled, “Studies on Host Factors that Regulate the Replication Positive Strand RNA Viruses.” It will be held April 13 at 11:45 a.m. in the Mara Conference Center.

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of Alison Luce Fedrow titled, “Drosophila melanogaster as a Model for Studying Ehrlichia chaffeensis.” It will be held April 14 at 8:30 a.m. in Ackert Hall Room 324.

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of Jason Michael Brunner titled, “Relationship Building in a Cross-Cultural Setting.” It will be held April 16 at 11:00 a.m. in Bluemont Hall Room 449.

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of Scott Anthony Klasner titled, “Novel Capillary and Microfluidic Devices for Biological Analyses.” It will be held April 16 at 3:00 p.m. in Hale Library Room 301.

Rec Services is offering the last Extreme Fitness workshop of the semester on Sunday from 2:30 - 4 p.m. This is a free event, but participants are asked to sign up in the administrative office by calling 785-532-6980.

The Rec Complex is accepting entries for intramural kickball and billiards April 5 - 8. For more information, go on-line to recservices.k-state.edu or call the office at 785-532-6980.

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of Sarah Hudson, titled, “How Does Formal Leadership Influence a District Content Coaching Program?” It will be held April 12 at 9 a.m. in Bluemont Hall Room 368.

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of Dawn Weston titled, “Study of Student Perceived Effectiveness for the Delivery of Distance Education Instruction at the United States Army Command and General Staff College.” It will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. in Bluemont Hall Room 368.

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of Thomas Everett titled, “Preparation and Characterization of Electrostatically Self-Assembled Perylene-Diimide/Polyelectrolyte Composites.” It will be held today at 2:30 p.m. in the Chemistry/Biochemistry Building Room 437.

SHAPE will host Battle of the Sexperts on April 21 at 7 p.m. in the Union Courtyard. Show us your sexpertise. Grab your friends and sign up as a team. 3-5 members per team. Enter your team online at k-state.edu/lafene/SHAPE/sexpert.htm. Registration fee: \$5 per person (All preregistered participants receive a free t-shirt). Registration deadline is April 9, 2010.

The K-State Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society is hosting a free screening of the documentary film “The End of the Line” on tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

The City of Manhattan Parks & Recreation Department is looking for volunteer youth baseball and softball coaches for the upcoming summer season. The approximate season for the leagues will be May 17 - July 23. Interested individuals may contact MPRD at 587-2757 or e-mail Jeff.Mayer@Mayer@ci.manhattan.ks.us.

A Census 2010 Questionnaire Assistance Center table, with an employee from the Census Bureau who can answer all of your questions, will be at the Union outside of the food court, weekdays from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. through April 16. Feel free to stop by.

The Graduate School announces the defense of doctoral dissertation by Yared Assefa titled “Grain Sorghum in the Hybrid Era, 1957-2008: Yield with Hybrid Advancement and Improved Agronomic Practices.” It will be at 1:30 p.m. April 12 in Throckmorton 2002.

Powercat Financial Counseling hosts Walk-in Financial Friday from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Office of Student Activities and Services, ground floor of the Union. No appointment necessary. Come in and ask peer financial counselors your quick money questions every Friday morning until April 30.

Instructional Design and Technology will offer “IDT Roundtable Show ME, Don’t Tell ME!” from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on April 22, in Union 212. Events are open to all faculty, staff and students.

The Planner is the Collegian’s bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Bethaney Wallace at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints, but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity. Confirmation will not be provided.

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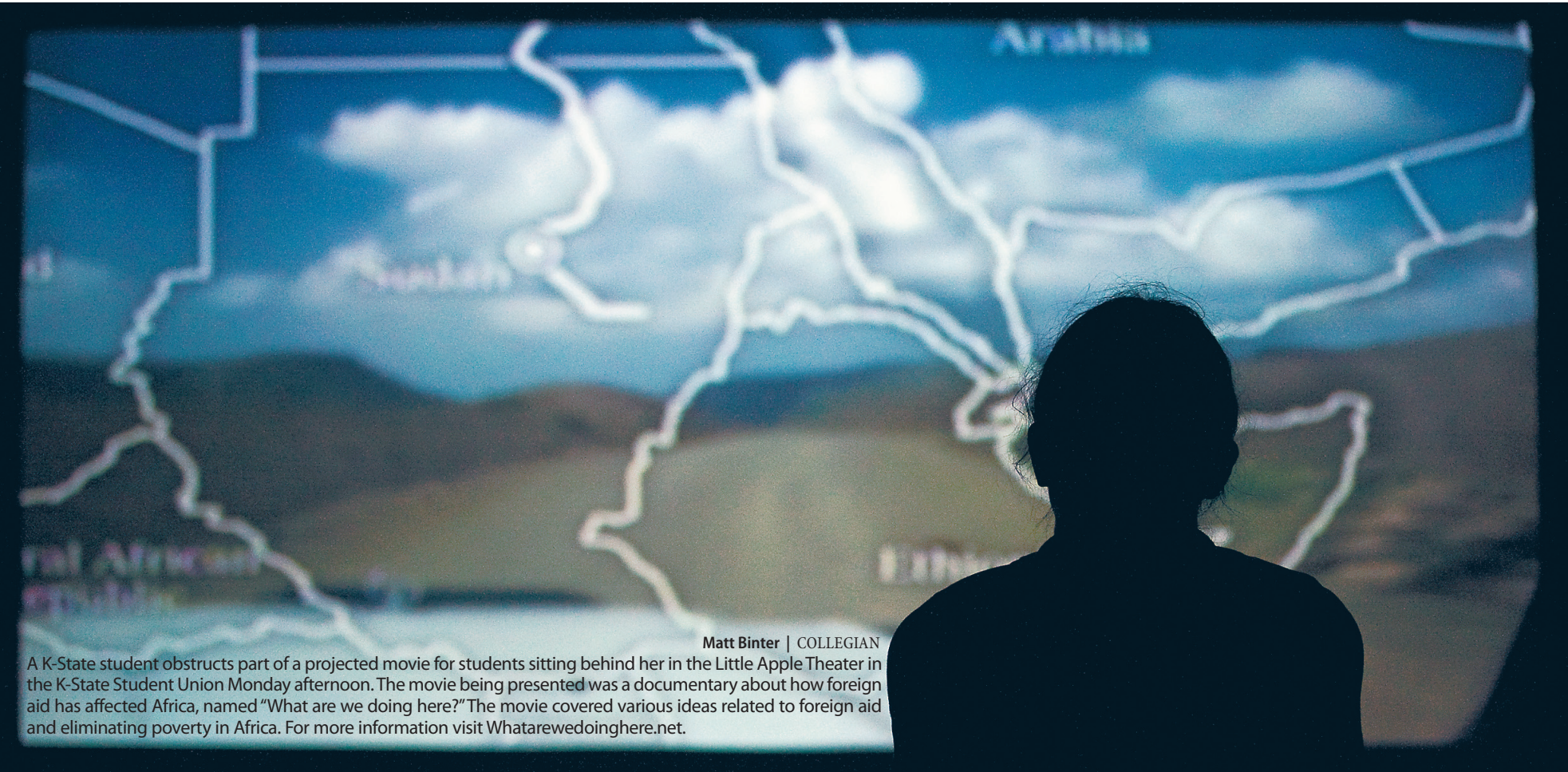
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Shadow of Poverty



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

A K-State student obstructs part of a projected movie for students sitting behind her in the Little Apple Theater in the K-State Student Union Monday afternoon. The movie being presented was a documentary about how foreign aid has affected Africa, named "What are we doing here?" The movie covered various ideas related to foreign aid and eliminating poverty in Africa. For more information visit Whatarewedoinghere.net.

Study: Orphanages may slow children’s physical growth

Robert Downs | UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The first results of an ongoing University of Minnesota study suggest that living in an orphanage can not only can hurt children psychologically but it can also harm them physically. This information could serve to validate U.S. domestic policy, which since the 1970s has funded foster care in place of orphanages. The study released Monday shows that through early development stages, the amount of one-on-one affection a child receives not only affects appetite but can also curb the way the brain’s pituitary gland and liver secrete growth hormone. University professor Dana E. Johnson led the study in six orphanages in Bucharest, Romania.

According to Johnson’s findings, children in orphanages displayed slowed growth and development, with more severe deficits among those who were born weighing less than 5.5 pounds. Children assigned to foster care showed rapid increases in height and weight, so that by 12 months of age 100 percent of them were in the normal range for height, 90 percent were in the normal range for weight and 94 percent were in the normal range of weight and height of a healthy child. Due to budget and time constraints, Johnson said, most orphanages are unable to give a sufficient amount of personal attention to children and more countries should move to a system based on individual care, like that of the United States.

Kaci Russell runs a licensed foster home in north Minneapolis for children ranging from infants to 12-year-olds. She said she treats the foster children at her house like part of the family. “We try to make them feel, as much as they can, as if they are [our] biological kids,” Russell said. “We just went to the mall. We go to church. We try to incorporate them in every aspect of our everyday life.” Though virtually nonexistent in the United States, orphanages remain prominent in eastern European, Asian and South American countries. Not only are these institutions not able to provide personal care, but even the interaction between children can be detrimental to their health.

“In eastern European and Asian countries, the children are [separated] by age,” Johnson said. “South American orphanages are set up with children of a variety of ages. It’s clear that those kinds of environments are better.” Johnson said that although there’s been recognition by many large international organizations that “institutional care for children is extremely bad,” policy changes are simply not occurring. “It always would be nice if government policy was based on evidence rather than politics,” Johnson said. “But I don’t have any great hope that that would happen soon.”

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LETTER
TO THE EDITOR

Political fliers use sarcasm

It has recently been brought to my attention that fliers I commissioned to promote my upcoming summer class on partisan politics, POLSC 401 “Democrats vs. Republicans” have created some controversy. I hope to clear the air with this letter.

There are a total of three fliers for the class. They were designed using large images of current congressional leaders Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, and Mitch McConnell and each has superimposed over the face a provocative question in type in a heavy font. With tongue planted firmly in cheek, the text plays on the bombast and hyperbole of current political coverage, commentary and quotes from the partisans themselves. Although more pronounced when shown together, even individually the fliers grab attention in a cluttered environment and pique the viewer’s interest.

Some have complained that the fliers “only” have inflammatory remarks over the faces of Democrats. If you do not recognize Mitch McConnell as the Minority Leader of the Senate and a Republican, then you should also consider enrolling in my POLSC 325 Intro to American Politics class as well. In truth, several additional designs featuring right-wing commentators were originally made up, since most people associate pundits as the voice of the GOP. But since the class will not specifically be dealing with the media punditry, it was decided to only use politicians.

One faculty member and several students have called into question the appropriateness of the class because their interpretation of the fliers has led them to suspect the course will be some sort of extended right-wing diatribe. While I have no quarrel with anyone’s inability to comprehend satire or their general lack of a sense of humor (we all have our flaws), I do have an issue with the attempt to stifle academic freedom. Ignoring for a moment that this entire argument rests on their interpretation of a flier, it is extremely irresponsible to call for the censoring of a fellow professor because you do not like what you think they might be teaching.

Hopefully this puts to rest the misinformation swirling around about the fliers and the class. To see them for yourself, please visit Flickr.com/photos/prof-unekis and I encourage everyone to take the class. It promises to be enlightening, especially for those on both sides of the political spectrum suffering from an overgrown sense of outrage.

Dr. Joseph Unekis
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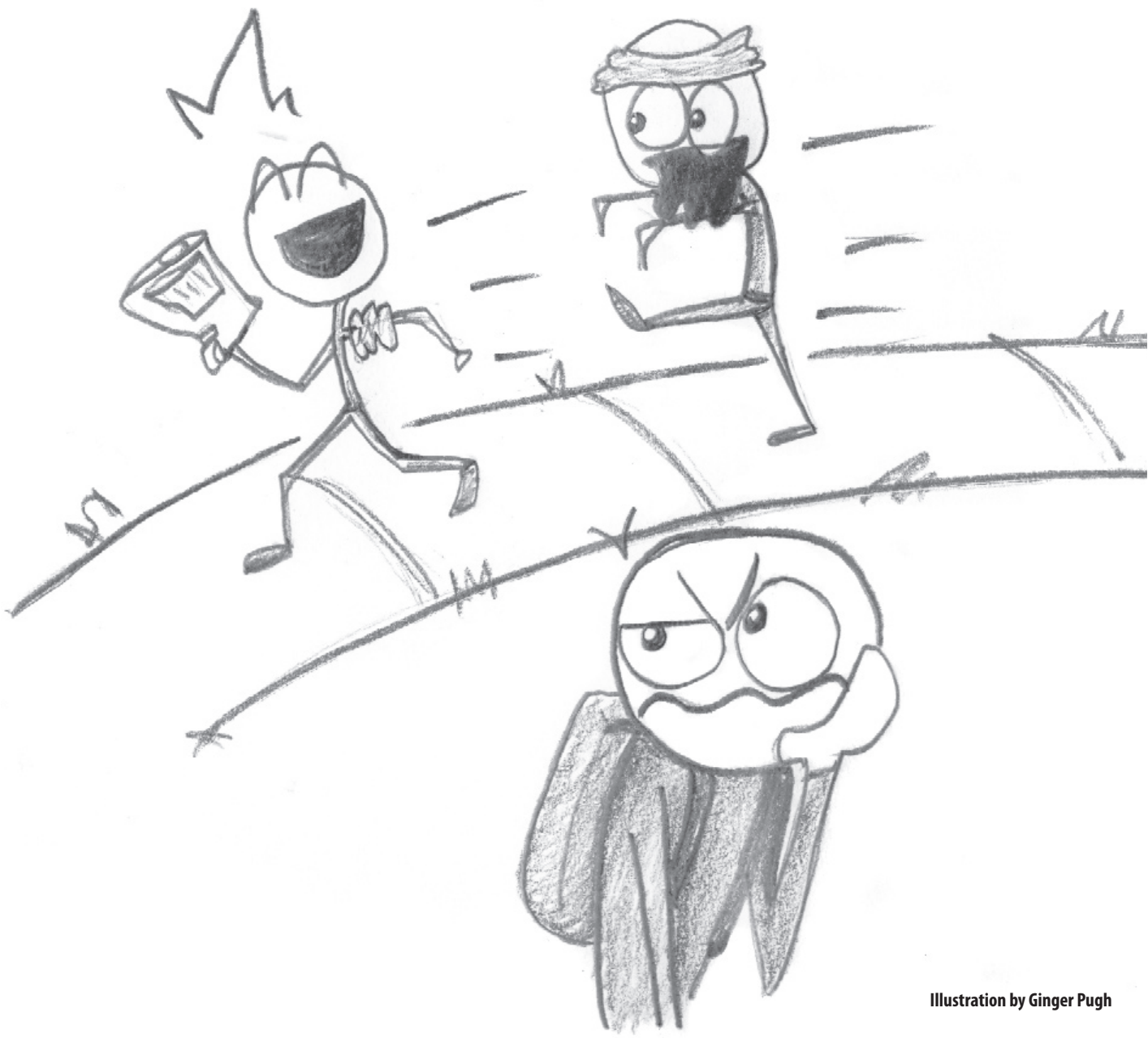


Illustration by Ginger Pugh

Violent games policy needs a compromise



Chuck Fischer

Lately there has been some uproar regarding K-State’s Administrative decision to ban violent games on campus. The Violent Game Policy was issued on Feb. 15. It states there will be no “games or activities that include the act or simulated act of shooting objects at another person ... the act or simulated act of stalking or ambushing others ... and other acts that can be seen by a reasonable observer as violent or intimidating.”

The main dislike for this policy is coming from persons that enjoy playing games like Humans vs Zombies and Fugitive.

In these games, the players carry Nerf guns to shoot the opposition. So as not to be on private property without permission, these games take place on campus. However, K-State wants to present a safe, non-violent environment to all students. These games, in the administration’s opinion, hinder the appearance of a safe, non-violent campus. I agree with them.

Sure the players all wear armbands or bandanas to prevent shooting non-players, but what if I wear a bandana one day and get shot with a Nerf gun for no reason? I would not be a happy camper. Yeah, I’m a bigger guy and it wouldn’t bother me, but what about someone else who isn’t so tolerant of others? With the way society is going, you do that to the wrong person and it could result in litigation. Yes, that’s extreme, but it’s not entirely out of the question.

So I say to you players of Fugitive and Humans vs Zombies, why the hubbub? You are obviously breaking the ideals the administration has for our beautiful campus. Yes, you do look stupid carrying a Nerf gun around campus while wearing an armband. Yes, you do look as though you are promoting violence on campus when you are shooting other people with no apparent reason. That’s how it looks to us outsiders.

To the administration, is it really necessary to create an outright ban of these games with the threat of expulsion? Couldn’t you just have the campus police tell the players not to play on campus? Or make it so that they can play on certain days and only in certain areas? I mean, all they are is a bunch of nerds with Nerf guns. What could they possibly damage? Have it so they can only play on Saturdays in the quad or some other open area.

Sure, that may take the fun out of the game, but at least it will eliminate innocent bystanders from becoming a part of the game. Why not go play the game

in City Park? It’s public property. It’s very spacious. It has lots of trees and even some buildings that you could play around.

Also, to those of you that play Humans vs Zombies, having a very unprofessional looking Web site is not the way to fight the administration. Misspelled words and a “blarg” instead of a blog just makes you look immature and unprofessional. I’m not saying you shouldn’t fight for what you feel is right. Just do it in a more professional manner. I know you had planned on writing lots of letters and that’s a great idea. It will show how much you guys actually care about this game. Having the Web site you do to support your cause, well, that’s not going to get you far.

I think all sides in this issue should come together to reach some sort of agreement. However, if that is to occur, both sides must be willing to give up something. Administration, be open to suggestions. Players, be willing to accept some limitations on the games you love to play. If you all can just hash out something that both sides can agree on, you can all get along peacefully. If that happens, then people like me who don’t really care either way, don’t have to listen to you complain all the time about it. Just sing that infamous song by War, “Why Can’t We Be Friends?” Do that and your view of one another might just change.

Chuck Fischer is a junior in business management.
Send comments to opinion@pub.ksu.edu.

Using phones while driving unsafe for everyone



Leslie Campbell

In 2008, the U.S. Department of Transportation reported 5,870 people were killed in car crashes caused by drivers’ distraction and 515,000 were injured. Driver distraction usually involves talking on cell phones, mobile devices and texting while behind the wheel. These staggering statistics alone should be enough to stop cell phone use while driving, but not surprisingly, they’re not.

A ban on sending text messages behind the wheel of an interstate truck or bus proposed March 24 by the Transportation Department aims

to crack down on distractions while driving. Under this ban, drivers of vehicles over 10,000 pounds could face criminal or civil penalties for violating these rules. Research from the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute shows truck drivers who text while driving are 23 times more likely to get into a crash than those who do not. This figure magnifies the importance of the ban and the incidents it could potentially prevent.

While the ban is a step in the right direction, truck and bus drivers are not the only ones guilty of sending texts or taking calls while on the road. Drivers like you and I on the highway and residential streets are all violators of cell phone use while driving. If the number of lives claimed above are not enough to convince people to put their phones and mobile devices down, a nationwide ban is necessary to prevent thoughtless loss of lives.

According to the Governors

Highway Safety Association, there are only 20 states and the District of Columbia that ban drivers from texting while driving a vehicle and nine states that ban “new” drivers from texting.

Research shows drivers who text while driving take their eyes off of the road for about five seconds, driving highway speeds of 55 miles per hour, on average. This gives drivers enough time to cover the distance of an entire football field. This mental picture puts into perspective the safety risk of typing a simple message to a friend while driving.

While most critics point their finger at teenagers for texting and driving, I don’t think that is a fair conclusion. Everyone is at fault. Whether we call a friend or text, we are putting our lives and the lives of others at risk.

Under a ban signed by President Barack Obama late last year, all federal employees are banned from texting while

driving a federally owned vehicle. Much like my sentiments about being a step in the right direction to ban truck and bus drivers from driving, I feel the same about Obama’s ban. Why don’t we make it illegal for everyone?

We could all live longer (and save many, many lives) if we just put our phones down while driving. Waiting five minutes to get from place to place, then sending our important message would allow us to concentrate on the road, drive safely and not endanger the lives of those driving alongside us. Although there is no nationwide ban on cell phone use yet, we should all think twice before picking up our phones while operating a vehicle.

Is that call or text worth your life of the life of another innocent driver? Didn’t think so.

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Seasoned Start

Snyder discusses spring practice, quarterbacks

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

With three spring practices completed and another pending, coach Bill Snyder went out of his way yesterday to first acknowledge the accomplishments made by K-State's other main sports, men's basketball and baseball.

Snyder said he thinks there is a lot to be proud of in K-State athletics. What he said pleased him about his own team, which is gearing up for the spring game on April 24, was the amount of retention from the players on the opening day of the spring season.

"There's an awful lot of offense, an awful lot of defense and all facets of our kicking game that went in on the very first day and I thought our players retained things extremely well, better than expected," Snyder said.

Other aspects in which Snyder has seen improvement are spirit, leadership and mental toughness — areas important to him. One pair of practices in particular illustrated this progress.

The team had an early evening practice on Friday without pads, followed by an early morning practice Saturday with pads. Both were full workouts and they took place in less than a 12-hour period. Snyder said the players handled it very well and that it demonstrated the necessary mental toughness.

Perhaps the most-anticipated answer of the season will be the one corresponding to the question of quarterback.

"The competition is going to be between Carson (Coffman), who started some ball games for us last year; Collin (Klein), who took practice reps last year at quarterback; and Sammuel Lamur, who was basically a scout squad quarterback transfer redshirt last year," Snyder said.

While the coach said there is not a big difference between the three contenders as far as consistency or ability to throw the ball, he talked about the strengths of each.

Coffman, a senior, has experience from last season; Klein, in his second year, is taller and more physical; and Lamur, a redshirt junior, is quick and has good change of direction. He said all three have acceptable movement, but the road for Lamur will be more difficult because he is less experienced. One point of emphasis for the



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Coach **Bill Snyder** watches from the sidelines during K-State's Nov. 21 game against Nebraska last season.

team is to start and finish well.

"Certainly, every coach in the country is addressing their football team about being able to finish," Snyder said. "You finish a drill, you finish a practice, you finish a week, you finish a season. 'Finish, finish, finish,' is the vernacular that a lot of people get involved with and it certainly

means something."

As far as starting well, Snyder alluded to last season's slow start and early nonconference struggles as an example of what not to do, saying they did not play well against Massachusetts, Louisiana-Lafayette and UCLA.

Although the coach said there might be a problem with num-

bers next year, he doesn't think there is any one position on the roster that the Wildcats won't have at least a two-deep rotation, something missing from last season.

Junior defensive back Tysyn Hartman is back from off-season knee surgery, practicing but not involved in any contact drills.

Snyder cautious, optimistic for football



Grant Guggisburg

Monday's spring football press conference marks the official start of K-State's annual shift to analyzing the football team. To honor the occasion, I decided to follow suit and offer my two cents on what coach Bill Snyder had to say in his first press conference since the end of last season.

Snyder touched on injuries to position changes and everything in between. Of course, he only touched on them. Few things are concrete when it comes to K-State football under Snyder. He rarely offers insight on injuries and he rarely declares a favorite in a position battle. He likes to use words like "youngster" and "progress" when answering questions.

However, Snyder did offer some good information this first time around. He has narrowed the quarterback position battle to three guys: last season's original starter Carson Coffman, a quarterback turned wide receiver in Collin Klein and a transfer who led the scout team all last season in Sammuel Lamur.

Who will come out on top? My guess is Coffman at this point, because of his experience. The clear favorite in most fan's minds is to insert Lamur and use his athleticism alongside Daniel Thomas, creating a one-two punch running game that would be tough for any defense to stop. This is valid and, in my opinion, gives the Wildcats the best chance to win in November (and December).

However, it's not uncommon for Snyder to instead pit the quarterbacks against each other, giving two of them playing time early on and making his decision on who will start the rest of the season in the fourth week or so. This is what Snyder did last season with Coffman and Grant Gregory and it worked.

However, there is a chance that Coffman has improved, working in the offseason to make sure that if he gets the opportunity to start the season, he can play well enough down the stretch to keep the job. Wildcat fans that want to see wins against UCLA and Missouri State in the first two weeks of the season should hope for that option.

It was also good to hear that Snyder has some athletes lined up to play at wide receiver after the departure of Brandon Banks and Attrail Snipes to graduation, as well as the defection of Lamark Brown during the offseason.

Filling those shoes will be Aubrey Quarles, Brodrick Smith and Chris Harper. All three sat out last season, but performed well on the scout team. This means they already have a good rapport with Lamur, who also worked only with the scout team. The three of them should provide a legitimate downfield threat and add more size and athleticism to the unit.

Perhaps the best part of the day was hearing Daniel Thomas' name get mentioned again. The senior, who bailed out a struggling passing attack time and again last season, will be back, hopefully with his shoulder fully healed.

Snyder mentioned that the senior is still in learning mode as he came in last year with limited experience at running back and created mostly with his instincts.

Combine another full offseason to learn, less pain from his shoulder and a passing game with a legitimate deep threat and Thomas could have an incredible year.

Snyder was cautiously optimistic at the conference, noting that players have a greater understanding of what is expected of them and that most of the players retained what they learned last season. If the Wildcats can continue to improve on both sides of the ball, combined with a better schedule, there is plenty of reason to be excited for football season in Manhattan.

Also worth keeping in mind: It only takes six wins to get to a bowl game this year.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Wildcats in second slot heading into final round

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

After the first 36 holes of the Canes/Cards Classic in Miami Lakes, Fla., the women's golf team is in second place, just five shots behind the University of Maryland. The combination of a smaller field, a more "walkable" golf course, sunshine and some quality shots put the ladies in a strong position to finish well today.

The team score was 21-over-par 309 for the first round and a 17-over-par 305 for the second round. Freshman Hanna Roos shot 4-over par for a 76 and a 2-over par 74. Senior Morgan Moon shot a 6-over par 78 and a 1-over par 73. Senior Abbi Sunner shot a 6-over par 78 in both rounds. Junior Elise Houtz shot a 5-over par 77 and an 8-over par 80. In her first tournament this spring, redshirt freshman Kristen Dorsey shot a 16-over par 88 and an 11-over par 85.

Coach Kristi Knight said it was a tough day for Dorsey but that she has given them some solid rounds in past tournaments and Knight expects her to do so again in the future.

Knight said the team hit a lot of quality shots today but wasn't very sharp around the greens.

"It was a very up and down day around the greens," Knight said. "Don't get me wrong. They weren't consistently bad, but there were just some times, I think if you were to talk to the ladies, all of them would tell you they left some shots out there on the course."

Knight said the pace of

play was good today as the two rounds only took eight and a half hours.

Last weekend, in Tucson, Ariz., the ladies began the tournament at 7:30 a.m. and played until 6 p.m., so it's typically a near 11-hour day.

While the first two tournaments of the spring had three-day formats so that 18 holes were played each day, Knight said, having two rounds in the first day and one in the second is the more common occurrence.

Knight said the players are accustomed to playing such long hours, but it is a different experience than playing one round a day.

"You have to learn to pace yourself both mentally and physically," Knight said. "Golf is a sport that there is quite a bit of down time in between shots. You're kind of walking to your ball, sometimes you're waiting on a teammate or you're waiting out on the fairway for the green to clear."

The coach said the key is knowing how to utilize that down time. She said it is important to be able to take advantage of quiet moments, take in the scenery or whatever helps, and then when the player gets to the ball she can focus on the task at hand.

"What you can't do is you can't straight-out focus for four and a half hours or you'll fry yourself," Knight said. "You might be able to do that for the first round, but you're not going to have anything left for the second 18 in the afternoon."

MEN'S GOLF

'Cats at 13th for last links



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Ross Geubelle practices his swing during a men's golf practice.

Tyler Scott | COLLEGIAN

Day one at the Morris Williams Intercollegiate was filled with both bright and dark spots for the men's golf team. After two rounds of play, K-State is near the bottom of the standings in 13th place.

The team scored a 41-over par 609, while Baylor scored a 43-over par 611. Host team Texas is at the top of the list with an 11-over par 579.

There are currently three Big 12 teams in the top five. No. 1 Oklahoma State is in 11th place with a score of 32-over par 600.

"Through the first day it wasn't our best performance and it was a little disappointing," head coach Tim Norris said. "We had our moments but we could have been more frisky and saved a few shots."

Freshman Curtis Yonke and Senior Joe Ida are tied for 53rd with scores of 11-over par.

Senior Mitchell Gregson led the way for the Wildcats after the first day. Having his usual outing, he

sits in 23rd place with a score of six-over par 148. He scored five birdies through the day's two rounds.

"Curtis is getting some good experience playing with this kind of performance," Norris said. "Gregson is playing golf that suits him right now and his game is growing a lot. He handled the conditions well today where he's had experience."

Junior Jason Schulte is at the back of the pack for the Wildcats. He scored a 21-over par 163 after struggling in the second round shooting a 13-over par. Three of the five Wildcats shot a seven-over par in the second round.

John Catlin of New Mexico and Ben Tewes of Southern Methodist are the top individuals with a score of even par 142.

The third and final round of the Intercollegiate will begin at 8 a.m. today.

"I hope to see lower scores and smarter shots for the final round," Norris said. "We gave up some shots today and we have to get it all fixed for tomorrow and the future."

Wildcats have team trouble; experience personal success



Jeffrey Julmis, pictured on the left, took first place in the men's 110 meter hurdles last weekend in Tucson, Ariz. He won the 60 meter hurdles on Feb. 20, as pictured.

Justin Nutter | COLLEGIAN

Pitting itself against some of the best schools in the country, K-State struggled in team competition but enjoyed some solid individual performances at the Jim Click Shootout in Tucson, Ariz., last weekend.

The Wildcat men finished fourth and the women fifth in the five-team tournament field, which featured three teams in the top-25, but the meet served as a chance for several athletes, particularly the freshmen, to see their first outdoor action of the 2010 season and make their mark in K-State's all-time standings.

Many athletes capitalized on the opportunity, including true freshman Erik Kynard, Jr., who captured an event title in his first collegiate outdoor

meet. Kynard, a product of Toledo, Ohio, recorded a first-place finish in the men's high jump. His leap of 7-4.5 ranks fifth in school history and bested the second place finisher – Nebraska's Paul Hamilton – by two inches.

Coming off a strong showing at the ASU Invitational the week before, fellow freshman Martina Tresch kept her momentum by finishing second in the women's 3,000 meter steeplechase. Not only did Tresch's time of 10:28.87 earn her a second-place finish at the meet, it also ranks second in the K-State record book.

A trio of upperclassmen also flourished at the weekend meet, as sophomore Nina Kokot and junior Jeffrey Julmis and junior Ali Pistora all recorded event titles. Kokot, a native of Slovenia, finished

first in the women's long jump with a leap of 20-10.75, nearly a foot longer than the next best jump. Julmis, a transfer from Cloud County Community College, was the top finisher in the men's 110 meter hurdles. His time of 13.86 seconds was just .06 seconds faster than Nebraska's Tyrell Ross, but ranks fifth in school history. Pistora, a Kansas native, won the women's javelin. Her winning throw of 155 feet beat out Nebraska's Roxi Grizzle by one inch.

K-State will send a small contingency of athletes to meets at Wichita State and Arizona State next weekend, but the whole team will not see action until the Kansas Relays. The in-state meet, hosted by Big 12 Conference rival Kansas, will be at Memorial Stadium in Lawrence on April 15-17.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Player thanks Wildcat nation

To all K-State students, faculty, sports administrators, donors, alumni, the city of Manhattan and all the loyal fans around the country – Thank you.

Since the Elite Eight game, I have received countless e-mails and Facebook messages to thank my teammates and myself for helping to restore K-State to the national stage as a top program in our conference. All of you have been thanking us and the coaches, but we really should be thanking you. You all have helped to make this year one of the best in our basketball program's history.

Thank you for making Bramlage Coliseum feared by opponents and nationally recognized as the "Octagon of Doom." Thank you for standing in line for hours, so you could be in the first few rows to cheer us on. Thank you for sticking behind us after close games early in the season when everyone else was criticizing us. Thank you for showing us so much love on campus after wins AND losses. Thank you for the signs of endearment and your boisterous cheers; we may not have acknowledged them during the games, but they never went unnoticed. Thank you for packing Bramlage during the snow blizzard when we played Xavier. Thank you to the young man that e-mailed me and told me he

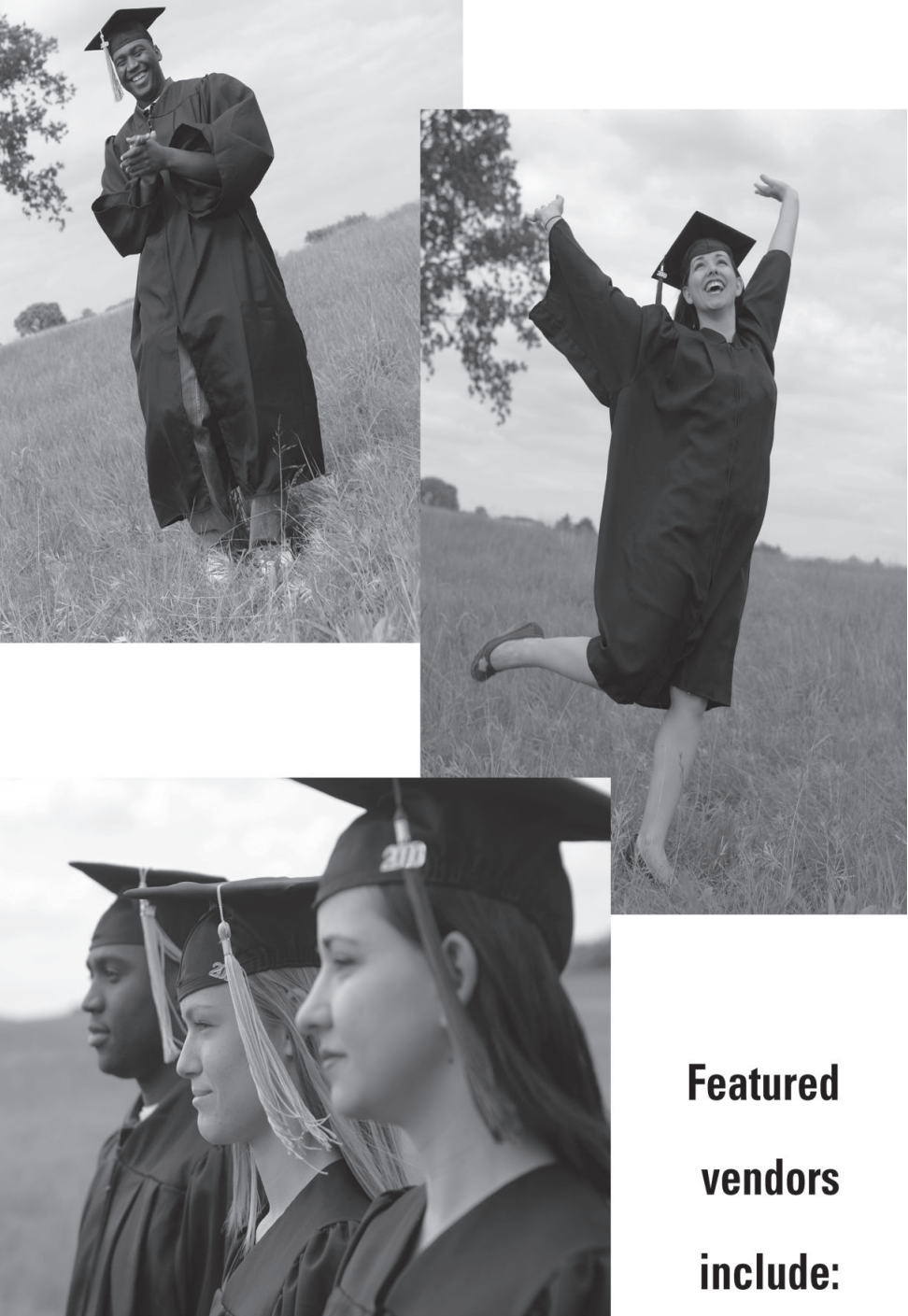
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College of Ag hosts panel on climate change

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The College of Agriculture kicked off Ag Fest week with a panel discussion Monday about climate change and how it affects the agriculture industry.

The panel consisted of House Representative Sharon Schwartz, professor in agronomy, Clenton Owensby and Kans. Secretary of Agriculture Josh Svaty. Each panelists gave a presentation about their thoughts of climate change.

House Representative Sharon Schwartz started off the night telling the audience it will take 100 hundred billion dollars in the year 2020 to pay for the questionable science of global warming.

“Global warming is a hot button in agriculture,” Schwartz said. “Modern farming must conform but technology has already moved it forward.”

The second panel speaker, Clenton Owensby from the Agronomy Department at K-State, said he got into the business of global climate change in 1988, when it became obvious the carbon dioxide concentration was increasing, because he cared about the prairie in Kansas.

“I’m a skeptic because we don’t know what is going to happen but I was a go-getter when it came to getting money for research,” Owensby said.

Owensby said news stations fill buckets with water every morning to measure how much evaporation happened throughout the day, thus showing how much energy is derived from the sun. Owensby said through the years this experiment has proved there has been a 20 percent decrease of evaporation.

“People rarely read and find out facts. If we form opinions about global warming isn’t happening people would be interested.”

Svaty told the audience he loves the wide open prairie but it means Kansas has less power to exert in Washington.

“We sit in the middle of climate change but we don’t have power and will be on the receiving end of policy,” Svaty said.

Svaty said Kansas could do one of two things. Kansas could act glum



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Top: (From left) Kans. Secretary of Agriculture **Josh Svaty**, K-State professor **Clenton Owensby** and House Representative **Sharon Schwartz** participate in Monday’s panel. Above: Only a few people were present for the climate change panel in Forum Hall.

about the policy made or take a proactive position and have their fingertips on the policy and have an impact on what happens.

“Agriculture has a good story to tell,” Svaty said. “We can come forward and say we are part of many hosts but we would like to continue feeding the world.”

Svaty laughed about how old he felt not having a Twitter.com and a Facebook.com and told the audience not to post angry comments about policies being passed in Washington.

Svaty also said Kansas college students should develop a group of followers from Washington by engaging them in the fascinating things we are doing.

Svaty said to engage politicians in what Kansas is doing, commodity groups need to take the debate out of Kansas and where it needs to be, the coast.

The panelists opened for questions and an audience member asked how methane fits into the equation of climate change.

Owensby told the audience member termites were actually the greatest contributors to the amount of methane produced in the atmosphere and not agriculture feedlots, which many people believe is the main cause of methane gases.

Owensby also said the prairie soaks up most of the methane gas and the reduction of bison and the addition of cattle and sheep has helped influence the methane gases admitted into the atmosphere.

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